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**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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Appl. No. 10/590,936

TC/A.U.

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Examiner:

For: ANTI-HUMAN TENASCIN MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY

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September 23, 2008

**MAIL STOP PCT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Attention: OFFICE OF PCT LEGAL ADMINISTRATION

Sir:

**RENEWED PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT BASED ON  
FAILURE TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL ACTION (MPEP §711.03(c) and 37 CFR §1.181)**

A previous Petition filed 11 August 2008 in this matter was dismissed in a Decision dated 15 September 2008, noting the "petitioner has not provided a copy of a (docketing) record showing all application docketed for response on 30 July 2007 (since 29 July 2007 was a Sunday)."

Submitted with this renewed Petition are docketing records for Sunday, 29 July 2007 and Saturday, 28 July 2007.

Applicants hereby request (petition) to withdraw the holding of abandonment set forth in the Notification of Abandonment, dated July 11, 2008, (copy attached) for failure to respond timely to the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated May 29, 2007. The reason for this

request (petition) is that the applicants' undersigned representative never received through regular mail channels a copy of the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. Thus, withdrawal of the abandonment holding is believed to be in order and such action is solicited. (See MPEP §711.03(c).I.A.)

In support of this request, the applicants' undersigned representative notes the following:

- (1) Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated July 11, 2008, it was observed that the subject application was abandoned because no reply was received in response to the Notification allegedly mailed on May 29, 2007.
- (2) Upon receipt of the Notice of Abandonment dated July 11, 2008, a review of the USPTO's PAIR system indicated that a Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures was allegedly mailed on May 29, 2007. However, after a careful review of the records, it became apparent that the applicants' representatives (including the undersigned) never received the Notification.
- (3) The undersigned has searched the file jacket and docket records relating to the instant application, and both evidence that the Notification dated May 29, 2007 was not received. A copy of the relevant computer-based docket record relating to this application is attached as Exhibit A evidencing that the Notification dated May 29, 2007 was not in fact received by undersigned. The attached docket record, last updated March 27, 2008, does not indicate any Notification having been received, but instead indicates a Call-Up to be done on September 28, 2008 to see if an Office Action or filing receipt has been received. Thus, the attached docket record clearly indicates that the Notification dated May 29, 2007 was not received by applicant's representatives.

**(4) The Nixon & Vanderhye (“N&V”) Docketing System and Its Reliability**

Applicant’s representative, N&V has employed for at least the previous twenty years a docketing system whereby all correspondence received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) through the US Postal Service is reviewed initially by a Docketing Specialist who enters the due date associated with such correspondence into a computer-based docket record. Another Docketing Specialist will verify the accuracy of the data entered into the computer-based docket record and will also manually enter into a separate paper Master Docket record the final due date associated with the USPTO correspondence. Thus, N&V docket records maintain the due date for patent applications in both electronic and paper form. Moreover, these docketing records collectively include, but are not limited to, the application serial number, the attorney docket number, the mail date of the correspondence and the due date for the response to such correspondence.

The docketing system described above has proven to be highly reliable during the undersigned’s tenure at N&V which began in 1985.

In this particular instance, had the USPTO correspondence of May 29, 2007 actually been received by N&V through the US Postal Service, there would have been an entry into the computer-based docket record. In addition, had such correspondence actually been received, an entry in the paper Master Docket record for December 29, 2007 (i.e., the final non-extendible due date for the May 29, 2007 correspondence) would also have been made.

**5. The N&V Master Docket Record**

As noted above, the N&V Docketing Specialists enter into a paper Master Docket record the final non-extendible due date for any USPTO correspondence received through the US Postal Service. Thus, since the May 29, 2007 correspondence set a non-statutory response due date of two (2) months from its mailing date, the final non-extendible due date would have been entered into the Master Docket record for December 29, 2007.

The Master Docket record for December 29, 2007 is attached hereto as Exhibit B. As can be observed, nowhere in the Master Docket record can a due date be observed attributable to the May 29, 2007 correspondence for the subject application.

In addition, as noted previously, the computer-based docket record (Exhibit A) for the subject application would have had noted receipt of the May 29, 2007 correspondence and its extendible 2-month due date of Sunday, July 29, 2007 (actually due Monday, July 30, 2007). However, as the attached paper Master Docket records for the subject application on Saturday, July 28, 2007, Sunday, July 29, 2007 and Monday, July 30, 2007 reveals, no such information was entered therein.

And, as previously stated, a diligent search of the undersigned's other records related to the subject application, including the file jacket and the contents of the subject application, evidence that for reasons unknown the correspondence of May 29, 2007 was not in fact received by N&V through the US Postal Service.

In view of the facts above, it is respectfully requested that the Notification of Abandonment dated July 11, 2008 be withdrawn.

A formal response to the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, namely a sequence listing, is being filed concurrently herewith. As such, there is no need to reissue the Notification with a fresh response due date as all issues are being addressed with the concurrently filed response.

It is believed that no fee is necessary in order to withdraw the abandonment status of this application. However, if the Office deems otherwise, then please charge the fees required per the deposit account charge authorization below.

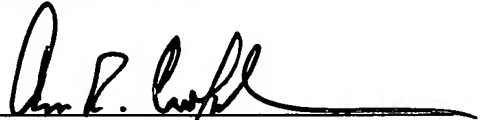
**Fee Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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